

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 24-28 are pending in the application. Claims 5 and 18-23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

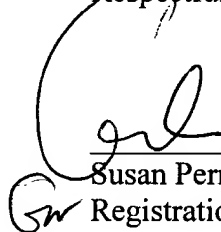
Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of claim 5.

Claims 2-4 and 24-28 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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